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SUBJECT: GUATEMALAN INTEREST IN VISIT BY SECRETARY KISSINGER TO
CENTRAL AMERICA

1. GROUP OF VISITING U.S. BUSINESSMEN MET WITH PRESIDENT LAUGERUD FEBRUARY 18 AND TOLD EMBOFFS AFTERWARDS HE HAD EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS OVER FACT THAT SECRETARY PLANNING VISIT OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES BUT NOT CENTRAL AMERICA. BUSINESSMEN SAID PRESIDENT HAD TOLD THEM HIS FEELINGS SHARED BY OTHER CA PRESIDENTS, WHO IN THEIR RECENT MEETING IN NICARAGUA HAD AGREED TO WRITE SECRETARY (UNCLEAR WHETHER THEY WOULD WRITE JOINTLY OR SEPARATELY) INVITING HIM TO VISIT COUNTRIES OF THE AREA.

2. U.S. BUSINESSMEN WERE VISITING GUATEMALA UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAS, NEW YORK, AT INVITATION OF GUATEMALAN BUSINESSMEN'S GROUP AMIGOS DEL PAIS. MOST BUT NOT ALL OF VISITORS WERE FROM NEW ORLEANS TRADE MART. WHILE WE HAVE NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY CONFIRM THEIR REPORT OF THEIR CONVERSATION WITH LAUGERUD, WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT IT.

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3. IN THIS CONNECTION, FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA IN

RECENT CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR ASKED HIM TO CONVEY
INVITATION TO SECRETARY TO VISIT GUATEMALA, EVEN IF
HIS SCHEDULE PERMITTED ONLY BRIEF AIRPORT STOPOVER.
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